

**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

J. Milton Harris, *et al.*

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OF SURFACES AND MOLECULES

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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
(RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the final Office Action mailed November 30, 2006. This amendment is accompanied by a Request for Continued Prosecution in the above-identified application. Although this Request for Continued Prosecution is being filed after the filing of a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (filed on February 27, 2007), it is prior to a decision on the appeal. Thus, this request should be treated as a request to withdraw the appeal and reopen prosecution of the present application before the Examiner.

Consideration of the amendments and remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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